



**Maine Recreational Trails Program  
Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

***May 26, 2022 – 3:00 pm MS Teams***

**Attendees: Noah Pollock, Cathy Small, Jane Arbuckle, Carey Kish, Eric Dibner, Deb Bowker, Jean Sideris, Robin Kerr, Matt Polstein, Mike Grass, Dan Baumert, Lindsey May, Lana LaPlant-Ellis, Rex Turner, Jed Talbot, Julie Isbill, John Raymond & Doug Beck.**

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**Call to order-**

- I. Doug Beck welcomed committee members and guests.
- II. **Minutes-Review/Approval** -Jane asked for The January 20, 2022 Meeting Minutes to be reviewed. They were unanimously approved with a minor punctuation correction.

**III. New Business**

A. Next Grant Round- Doug referenced a current web blast pertaining to RTP on-line workshops scheduled for June 6,7,8,10. The workshops will assist the applicant with defining the important aspects of detailing their project.

B. Revised Application Draft- Burnham Martin, Nancy Grant and Holly Sheean are finalizing the revisions to RTP Grant Packet. They will meet with Doug on June 8<sup>th</sup> so that the packet can be updated on the BPL site. Applications are due the last Friday of September. We anticipate the review process to begin the third week in October.

C. Program Capacity Building- It is anticipated that the supplemental budget will provide a full-time Program Assistant for Doug. Prior experience with trail planning and construction management is key. There may be an apportionment possibly for an RTP Position in the very near future.

**IV. Old Business**

- A. Grant Management Software- It has been purchased and will be on-line for the September 2023 deadline. This software should simplify the process

**V. Sharing**

- Rex anticipates that the State Parks attendance would parallel the 2021 season. People want to be outside.
- Laura noted that the Rail Trail Project that runs from Oakland to Anson is making progress. The

rails are currently being salvaged. They have not yet gone out to bid for the bridges.

- Jed recently presented at a Wilderness based workshop located at Camp Dodge - Pinkham Notch area of the White Mountain National Forest.
- Dan has been working with the Orono Land Trust in terms of two grants. They are also organizing a Nordic Marathon.
- John provided us with an update on the Medway/ Madawaska/Solon project which includes 3000 miles of ATV trail.

VI. Adjournment at 4:26 p.m.